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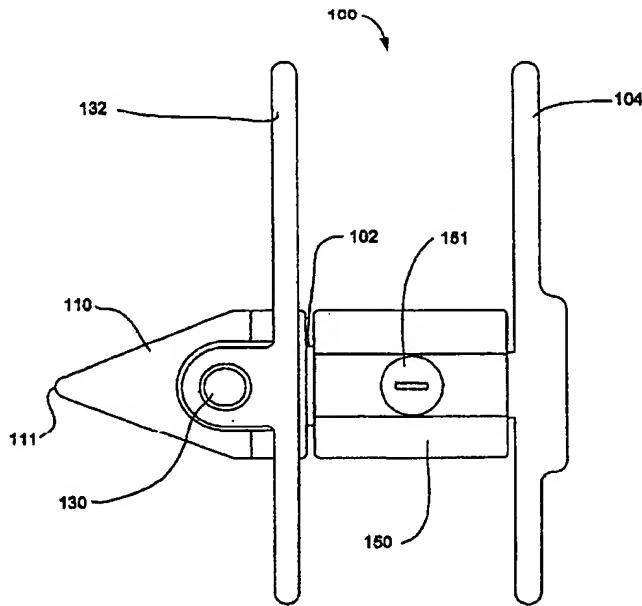
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(57) Abstract: The present invention is an interspinous process implant (100) with a selectively expandable spacer (150) that can be placed between adjacent spinous processes.



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